GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TATKAL SCHEME FOR PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether issuing of passports under the tatkal scheme is being delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that issuance of passports under tatkal scheme is done within the given timeframe; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V. K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Fresh passports under the tatkal category are issued within 1 to 7 days, and reissue of passports within 3 working days from the date of submission and completion of all requisite formalities including authenticity of supporting documents. During 2013 and the period from January to June, 2014, most of the tatkal passports were processed and issued within the prescribed time frame. In the 1st half of the current year, 78% of all tatkal passports were issued within 3 days. However, in some cases applications are held up due to late or non receipt of authentication of supporting documents.

(c) & (d) The Government gives top priority to issuance of passports under tatkal scheme and accordingly, adequate number of tatkal slots for citizens have been earmarked in each passport Office. In addition, tatkal applications under Walk-in category without prior appointment are accepted. Tatkal passports are also given the highest priority in print queue to ensure prompt printing and timely despatch.